

Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council
General Meeting
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Room 739
Minutes of November 17, 2015 Meeting

1. **Call to Order by – Michele L. Daniels**
The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m.
2. **Minutes Approval for September 15, 2015**
Minutes of September 15, 2015 were approved
3. **Announcements**
 - Ardalan Zamani announced that IMCES started an Unaccompanied Minors Program that will provide Mental Health services with the assistance of the Department of Mental Health
 - TuLynn Smylie announced that the following transitional program service providers have been defunded: Rainbow Services, First to Serve, Prototypes and Angel Step II. Ms. Smylie added that the Domestic Violence community will be greatly impacted and encouraged all to contact their local legislative organizations
4. **Project Highlights: Bettina Gutierrez, Peace Over Violence: DART Programs**
 - Did not present
5. **Presentation “Emerging Issues”: “U Visa and Appeal Process for rejected Restraining Orders”**
Kate Marr, Senior Attorney, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
 - Provided an overview of changes regarding the U Visa process and recent appellate cases involving restraining orders; and
 - She provided copies of Senate Bill 674 (SB674) and a bulletin; the bill was sponsored by State Senator, De Leon
6. **Executive Board Report – November 12, 2015**
 - Betty Fisher Awards and Resource Fair on October 20, 2015 was a great success
 - Male Victims/Survivors Ad-Hoc Committee was discussed
 - January 14, 2016 retreat preparations and 2016 goals was discussed
7. **Committee and Task Force Reports as needed –**
Written reports submitted by Committee Co-Chairs

Legislative Issues – *Michael Gargiulo, Co-Chair*

No written report submitted

- The Legislative Committee did not meet on November 2, 2015
- Next meeting January 7, 2016

Committee on System's Improvement – *Gail Pincus, Co-Chair*

No written report submitted

- The CSI committee met on November 12, 2015
- Next meeting January 2016-TBA

LGBT Issues – *Giovanna Martinez, Co-Chair*

No Written report submitted

- The LGBT Committee met on November 10, 2015
- Reviewed the presentation scores and feedback for the September 15, 2015 General Meeting
- Discussed 2015 goals
- Discussed the possibility of changing the meeting dates and times
- Next meeting January 12, 2016

Religion & DV Issues – *Bernita Walker, Co-Chair*

Written report submitted

- The September 2, 2015 Training held at the California Endowment
- The October 27, 2015 was cancelled
- Next meeting November 24, 2015

Immigration Committee – *Kate Marr, Co-Chair*

No written report submitted

- The committee met this morning, November 17, 2015
- The Safety Plan Pamphlet has been translated into Armenian, by the Institute of Multicultural Counseling and Education (IMCES) and Korean language
- Discussed the consideration of a new co-chair
- Discussed 2015 and 2016 goals
- Next meeting January 19, 2016

Shelter Director's Committee – *Co-Chair – TuLynn Smylie*

Written report submitted

- The Shelter Directors met October 20, 2015
- Next meeting January 19, 2016

8. **Public Comments: Not to exceed two minute per person - NONE**

9. **Matters not on the Posted Agenda to be presented and placed on a future Agenda - NONE**

10. **Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.**

Submitted by:

Olivia G. Rodriguez
Executive Director
Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council

January 19, 2016

GM Minutes for November 17, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT November 17, 2015

Public Members

LA County District Attorney's Office
LA County Probation Department
LA County Public Social Service
LA City Mayor's Office
West Covina Police Department

M. Daniels, M. Gargiulo,
Jim Schoengarth, K. Kucharik
Lola Nevarez
Christine Jerian
Diane Franklin

Private Members

Center for the Pacific Asian Family (CALWORKS)
Women Shelter of Long Beach
1736 Family Crisis Center
Project Peacemakers
Women & Children's Crisis Shelter
Antelope Valley DVC/.Valley Oasis
Jewish Family Service
Rainbow Services (CALWORKS)
Sojourn
Su Casa-Ending Domestic Violence
YWCA WINGS

TuLynn Smylie, M. Fender
Giovanna Martinez, M. Ayala
Lirio Vasquez
Bernita Walker
Gabriela Fernandez
Carol Crabson
Michelle Marsh
Judy Gordon
Pat Butler
Vicki Doolittle
Ana Interiano

CalWorks

Amanecer
Institute of Muticultural Ed. & Couns.
LA Center for Law & Justice
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
PROTOTYPES
Bienvenidos
Community Legal Services
Domestic Abuse Center
Foothill Family Service
Human Services Association
Office of Samoan Affairs
East Los Angeles Women's Center

Elizabeth Sanchez
Ardalan Zamani, Tamara V.
Lazaro Cuevas
M. Alanis, K. Marr,
P. Gaskin, A. Jancu
Fabiola Rocha-Linderos
T. Akrofi, J. Coleman
Gail Pincus
Monica Rivera
Silvana Ortega
Patricia Iraheta
D. Suaste-Servib, M. Medina

Guests Present

ABIP
Asian Americans Advancing Justice
Asian Pacific Women Center
Valley Women's Center
Harriett Buhai for Family Law
Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center
Joe Torre Safe at Home

Rick Kenworthy
Faith Santoso
E. Tamago
R. Teichman
Lisa Smith
Devika Shankar
Sally Lokey

SCADP Inc. Angel Step Inn
SAHARA
Cambodia USA
Santa Anita Family Services
Peace Over Violence
Cambodia Association of America
Good Shepard Shelter
Niswa
LAHSA
Child Alliance
Childrens Institute Inc.

Nancy Salazar
Neha Duggal
D. Sokman, S. Neth
Chelsea Heath
Claudia Sibaja
Dany C. Man, Sovarma Neph.
Bari Goldojarb
Saara Ashad
S. Williams, E. Cho
Lucita Gil
Debbie Ramirez

ABSENT MEMBERS

Public Members

LA County Public Defender's
L.A. County Commission for Women
Attorney General's Office
California Department of Corrections
Department of Health Service
LA City Police Department
LA City Attorney's Office

LA City Commission on the Status of Wm
Department of Mental Health
Department of Children & Family Serv.
Superior Court Family Court Svs.

LA County Public Health
LA County's Sheriff's Department

Private Voting Members

Interval House (*CALWORK*)
Haven Hills
Haven House
YWCA Glendale
Santa Clarita Domestic Violence Center
House of Ruth (*CALWORKS*)

Angel Step Inn
Jenesse Center (*CALWORK*)

CalWorks

NCADD Long Beach Woman To Woman
Neighborhood Legal Services of LA County

Helpline Youth Counseling
San Fernando Valley CMHC